





# TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

MR W. D. GUTHRIE, A.M., F.R.C.S.L.

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*To the Managers of the House of Refuge  
in Glasgow.*

GENTLEMEN,

I BEG to offer myself as a candidate for the situation of Governor of the Glasgow House of Refuge.

My competency to superintend the arrangements connected with the physical comforts of the inmates of the Institution, is so far guaranteed by the circumstance of my being of the medical profession. I am perfectly acquainted with the economy of similar establishments, having had many opportunities of visiting those of this country and France, and having devoted much of my time to the consideration of those great American establishments, where manual labour is so happily combined with moral and intellectual training. I am married, and have one child.

As to my character and respectability, I beg to refer you to the accompanying Testimonials, which, I flatter myself, will be found of the most satisfactory description ; and in addition to these, I have the honour to refer to the following gentlemen, who have expressed their anxiety to furnish any additional information respecting my qualifications which the Directors may require.

The Right Honourable VISCOUNT ARBUTHNOT, Arbuthnot House.

Dr NICHOL, Professor of Practical Astronomy in the University of Glasgow.

The Reverend ROBERT LEE, Minister of Campsie.

The Reverend WILLIAM STEVENSON, Minister of Arbroath.

The Reverend THOMAS GUTHRIE, Minister of Greyfriars' Church, Edinburgh.

The Reverend JOHN GLEGG, Minister of Bervie.

Doctors EWING and DYCE, Aberdeen.

W. A. F. BROWNE, Medical Superintendent of the Montrose Lunatic Asylum ; and

Mr MELVIN, Governor of Gordon's Hospital, Aberdeen.

Permit me, Gentlemen, to assure you, that should you place me in the responsible situation to which I aspire, my constant study shall be to promote the interest of the Institution ; and that no exertion on my part shall be wanting, which can in any way contribute to its economy or efficiency.

I have the honour to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your most obedient humble servant,

WM. D. GUTHRIE.

*Edinburgh, 126 Laurieston Place,*

*26th October 1837.*

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1.—From Messrs WILLIAM HUTCHESON, GEORGE ATKIN, and  
JOHN TAYLOR, Surgeons, Edinburgh.

*Edinburgh, 26th October 1837.*

WE, the undersigned, understanding that Mr W. D. Guthrie, surgeon, has declared himself a candidate for the situation of Governor of the House of Refuge, Glasgow, beg leave to offer our opinion as to his competency for the duties of the office.

In common with others, we have to express our high sense of his upright conduct, gentlemanly and amiable feelings, and decision of character. In addition to these qualifications, his extensive general information, and his intimate acquaintance with the penitentiaries, work-houses, hospitals, jails, &c., both of this country and the continent, fit him peculiarly for the situation. The fact, too, of his having had a most liberal medical education, is, in our opinion, an additional recommendation, as, without interfering with the ordinary medical attendant of the establishment, his knowledge may be made available in regulating the exercise, labour, &c. of those committed to his care, and in suggesting and superintending the execution of plans by which the institution may be kept free from disease, and those entrusted to him be inured to habits tending to secure health, strength, and happiness.

2.—CERTIFICATE by INHABITANTS of the PARISH of  
BERVIE.

WE, the undersigned, hereby certify that Mr WILLIAM DYCE GUTHRIE, surgeon, has been in general practice with his father at Bervie for a period of five years; that during this time we had an ample opportunity of witnessing his professional skill in

the various cases which came under his treatment. In regard to Mr G.'s business habits, we have not the slightest hesitation in saying they are of a superior order, and that he has always demeaned himself in a gentlemanly and upright manner. In short, from his amiable and agreeable manners, combined with professional skill, firmness, and decision of character, we consider him as a person well qualified to fill the office of Governor of the House of Refuge at Glasgow, for which situation we understand he is a candidate.—Given at Bervie this 25th day of October 1837.

[Signed by sixty of the most respectable Inhabitants of the parish of Bervie.]

### 3.—CERTIFICATE by INHABITANTS of the PARISH of KINNEFF.

WE, the undersigned, residents in the parish of Kinneff, hereby certify, that we have been acquainted with Mr WILLIAM DYCE GUTHRIE, surgeon, for a considerable period of years, and more particularly during the time he practised at Bervie, in connexion with his father: That we had full opportunity of observing his professional skill in the many cases which come under his treatment, and the uniform attention he paid to the patients under his care. We consider him as a person of excellent business habits, and that his demeanour has been that becoming a gentleman. From his amiable manners, professional skill, firmness and decision, we have great pleasure in recommending Mr Guthrie as a person every way qualified to fill the important office of Governor of the House of Refuge at Glasgow.—Given at Kinneff, this 25th day of October 1837.

(Signed) JAMES MITCHELL, *Schoolmaster.*

GEORGE SCOTT, *Tenant of Slains.*

ROBERT HECTOR, *Farmer, Fernyflatt.*

JOHN STEWART, *Farmer, Bellfield.*

B. IRVING, C. O., *Coast Guard, Katerline.*

JOHN LINDSAY, *Farmer Whistleberry.*

BENJAMIN SMART, *Grange of Kinneff.*

ROBERT FORBES, *Merchant at Farsyde.*

4.—From WILLIAM DICK, Esq., Professor of Veterinary Surgery, Edinburgh.

*8, Clyde Street, 25th October 1837.*

I certify that I have known Mr W. D. Guthrie for a considerable time past, and have had many opportunities of forming a correct opinion of his character; and from what I know of him, I have much pleasure in testifying that I consider him a person well qualified to fill the situation of Governor of the House of Refuge of Glasgow, for which he is a candidate, both from his general knowledge and humane disposition, and also from his professional acquirements.—I am, &c.

5.—From the Reverend THOMAS GUTHRIE, Minister of Old Greyfriars, Edinburgh.

*Edinburgh, 26th October 1837.*

I hereby certify that I have known Dr Guthrie for some years, and have had frequent opportunities of meeting with him. I believe him to be possessed of a highly cultivated mind, of amiable dispositions, activity, and energy of character; his manners are uncommonly agreeable, his conduct most correct and irreproachable; and besides bearing my own personal testimony to his worth, I may add that I have heard much to his credit from those who had even better opportunities of knowing him than I had.—I am, &c.

6.—From the Rev. WILLIAM STEVENSON, Minister of Arbroath.

*Arbroath, 25th October 1837.*

Mr W. D. Guthrie, surgeon, was well and very favourably known to me during his residence in Arbroath, which he left about a year ago. Of his professional merits I am, of course, incompetent to judge, but from all I have seen or heard of him, I believe

him to be a man of excellent character and sound principles, of varied acquirements and active habits, and withal of most amiable dispositions and attractive manners.—All which is certified by

WM. STEVENSON.

7.—From the Reverend ROBERT LEE, Minister of Campsie.

*Manse of Campsie, 23d October 1837.*

Mr William Guthrie, surgeon, has been well known to me for several years. I can certify, from familiar and frequent intercourse with him, that he is a person of much general information, of superior talents, of great zeal in the acquirement of knowledge, and of most gentlemanly feelings and manners. So far as I can judge, I am also of opinion that Mr Guthrie is a very accomplished surgeon, very zealous and ardent in his profession, and exceedingly well informed respecting medical science.—I am, &c.



